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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATING AND
MAINTAINING CELLS USING GROWTH
COLUMNS AND MICRODROPLET-
ENCAPSULATION OF CELLS (AS
AMENDED)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed June 12, 2008, and in further response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 6, 2006 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Communication was initially due July 12, 2008. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to August 12, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.